

# Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## The Third Sunday Before Lent

St. Paul's  
Church  
*Rusthall*



### Collect for the Week

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord.

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#### 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

#### 10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

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#### 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Liz Goddard, Link: Rosemary Romano

Hymns: One more step  
Beauty for brokenness  
Shine Jesus shine  
Now the green blade riseth

Reading: Psalm 1 (NIV page 543)

#### 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 431 O Thou who camest from above  
Psalm: 85 (BCP page 454)  
1st Reading: Hosea 10.1-8, 12 (NRSV page 874) Debbie Millar  
Magnificat: B  
2nd Reading: Galatians 4.8-20 (NRSV page 202) Roland Millar  
Nunc Dimittis: B  
Anthem: The secret of Christ - Shephard  
Hymn: NEH 245 God, that madest earth and heaven  
Amen: 17

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup>** *Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr 1977*

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 2.00 pm Worship Committee in the Lodge

### **TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed

### **WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's
- 9-11.30 am Lego Café at the Church Centre
- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 12 noon Funeral of Diana Coker at the Parish Church with the Choir

### **THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

### **FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre
- 2.30 pm Funeral of John Francis at the Parish Church with the Choir
- 6.30 pm Junior Choir practice
- 7.30 pm Full Choir practice

### **SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 10am-9pm Sponsored Sing-A-Thon at the Parish Church (with refreshments)  
Lunch break 12 -2 pm, tea break 6-7 pm
- 7.00 pm Lunch Club Volunteers evening at the Church Centre

### **NEXT SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

#### **The Second Sunday before Lent**

#### **8.00 am Holy Communion**

President & Preacher: The Vicar

#### **10.00 am Matins (BCP)**

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

#### **10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**

Lead: Jean Kerr , Link: Viv Littlechild, Music from Cabin Worship

#### **6.30 pm Eucharist (CW)**

President & Preacher: The Vicar

## NEWS AND NOTES

### From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Third Sunday before Lent. It's good that we could worship together as we journey towards Lent, that solemn period in the Church's calendar. I pray that we will all continue to grow in our knowledge of and love for God and one another.

### Treasurer for the Parish

As you know Pat has now retired from this role and we are now looking for some one to replace her. This can be a shared position with two or more people taking on different aspects of the job. Full training and support will be given. If you feel this is something you could do as part of the ministry of St Paul's please speak with Ronnie.

### Sponsored Sing-A-Thon

Please do come and support the Choir on Saturday (The 22nd) as they sing all 100 anthems from the "Fat Anthems" book. They will begin at 10 am with Rutter's A Gaelic Blessing and conclude at 9 pm, the final piece being Zadok the Priest. Refreshments will be available at the back of the Church. The Choir will take 2 breaks, between 12 and 2 pm & 6 -7 pm.

### Morning Prayer and Said Holy Communion

From the beginning of March we are going to reintroduce morning prayer at both Churches. At the Parish Church it will be at 9 am on Mondays and at the Church Centre it will be on at 9 am on Wednesdays.

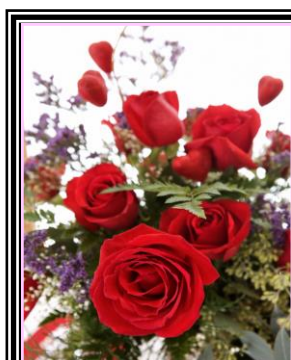
We are also going to restart Holy Communion at the Church Centre on Thursdays at 11.30 am. We do hope some of you will be able to attend these services.

### Confirmation 2025

This year the Confirmation service will be held here at St Paul's on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> May at 4 pm. If you, or anyone you know, would like to be confirmed this year please speak with Ronnie

### Knitted and Crocheted Flowers

A huge thank you to all who have been making flowers for the banner. We now have 1300! The final date to hand flowers in is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Church or the following week to the office.



#### The Altar Flowers

are given today by  
Tony & Barbara Bourne  
In loving memory of their parents  
May & Gordon Bourne  
and Amy & Neville Turner

## **Plant Sale at the Church Centre**

As part of the 175 Celebrations this year there will be a Treasure Hunt, Plant Sale and Cream Tea at the Church Centre On Monday 21st April. This is the bank holiday Monday after Easter. If you are a gardener, or have friends who are, please, when planting seeds, taking cuttings or splitting plants in the next few weeks will you put any spares into pots to bring along to support this event. All types of plants would be much appreciated. Thank You.

## **New Electoral Roll (Full Revision)**

Under the Church Representation Rules every six years every parish in the country must create a new Electoral Roll. This means everyone who wishes to have their name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 20th April 2025. The new Roll will take effect on Sunday 27th April 2025 in readiness for the APCM on Thursday 15th May. Only those registered on the Electoral Roll are entitled to attend the APCM. Electoral Roll application forms are available at the back of both the Parish Church and the Church Centre.

## **Gwen Parker**

Gwen, who for several years regularly attended Evensong at St Paul's, passed away peacefully on the 26<sup>th</sup> January. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 26th February at the Crematorium at 2.30 pm.

## **Lego Cafe**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 9 – 11.30 am pupils in years R – 7 will be welcome to attend the Lego Café in the small hall at the Church Centre with their parents/carers. There will be loads of bricks to build with and tea, coffee and cake for parents and carers supervising their children.

## **Cabin Worship visit Family Service 23rd February at 10 am**

Cabin Worship, a local Christian worship group, will be playing for Family Service next week. It will be an all-age service as usual with, hopefully, something for everyone, young and old alike.

The leaders of Cabin Worship will be sharing their story and what they stand for, which fits in very well with the theme of the service Having a generous spirit. Please tell all your friends and bring them along to enjoy something a little different next Sunday morning.

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